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DFA ESTABLISHES FIELD OFFICE IN SEATTLE

The appointment of Frederick G. Morton as area representative for the Defense Fisheries Administration in Washington, Oregon, and Alaska was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

The new field office which will be located in Seattle, Wash., is now temporarily located in Room 706, Federal Office Building.

Mr. Morton will handle local material, production, man power and other problems confronting the fishing industry in Washington, Oregon, and Alaska as a result of the stepped-up defense production operations. He will also serve in a liaison capacity between the fishing industry in that area and the Washington offices of DFA. With this regional setup, many problems can be solved quickly at the local level without referral to the Washington headquarters, declared Administrator Albert M. Day.

Mr. Morton has been in the employ of the Fish and Wildlife Service and the former Bureau of Fisheries since 1930 with the exception of the period from 1937 to 1940 when he was with the United States Army Engineers at Portland, Oreg., as inspector of fishways on the Bonneville Dam, and two years spent in private industry. Since 1941 he has been supply officer for the Pribilof Islands fur seal operations of the Branch of Alaska Fisheries, stationed in Seattle. For nearly nine years he was in the Alaska field service in fishery management and enforcement work.

Mr. Morton is a native of Nashua, N. H., and a veteran of World War I.

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